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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Paul GILSON et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
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Application No.: 09/838,545) Examiner: Baxter, Jessica R.
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For: EMBOLIC PROTECTION SYSTEM)

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This is a response to a Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2003, the response period to which has been extended to April 3, 2004, by the five-month petition for extension of time filed herewith.

Additionally and prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.